

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1689

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieber

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 5865.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to child health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1689, as introduced, Lieber. EPSDT services.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

Existing law provides for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT), which provides certain mental health and other medical services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other qualified persons.

Under existing law, each county contracting with the state for the provision of mental health services for certain children is required to have in place, with qualified mental health personnel, various elements of a program to provide mental health services to eligible children.

This bill would require any participating county contracting with a provider for EPSDT services to include in the contract terms and conditions in which the contracting county agrees to pay for those services provided by the contractor to residents of another county, and would provide for the reimbursement of counties that pay for those services for children who are not residents of the county.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5865.5 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 5865.5. (a) Any provider of early periodic screening,
4 diagnosis, and treatment services for children as described in
5 subdivision (i) of Section 5865 that meets standards for providers
6 under the Medi-Cal program for the provision of those services
7 and contracts with a particular county for the provision of those
8 services may provide those services for participants who reside in
9 a county with which the provider has not entered into a contract
10 and who would, if residing in the contracting county, meet the
11 eligibility requirements for those services.
12 (b) Each county shall include provisions in any contract with a
13 provider for the provision of early periodic screening, diagnosis,
14 and treatment for children, those terms and conditions that will
15 provide for the payment of the provider for the provision of those
16 services to any eligible child described in subdivision (a), and to
17 provide for the reimbursement of any other county if a contractor
18 providing services for the other county provides those services
19 for a resident of the contracting county.